

**AMENDMENTS TO THE FIGURES**

Please replace Figure 1 of the specification with the attached, Figure 1 as replacement requested by the Examiner on the first page of the Office Action dated March 21, 2007.

### **REMARKS**

Claims 8-17 are pending. By this Response, claim 1, the specification and Figure 1 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative during the telephone interview conducted on May 31, 2007. During the interview the inventive concept and its features were discussed in view of the newly added claims and Figure. The invention was explained to the Examiner and it was shown where the features recited in the newly added claims were provided in the original disclosure. It was explained that the invention provided a business (monitoring, maintenance, installation company) to perform the installing, monitoring and maintenance of devices and invoicing for these services to a client, including the opening of telecommunication service and administration thereof necessary for the remote monitoring.

It was agreed that Applicants' would clarify in the claim language and in the Figure that the business performs the opening and servicing of the telecommunication line. It was also agreed that a response to the current Office Action would be submitted in which the new matter rejection would be addressed by explaining on the record where the features of the inventions as described in newly added Claims and Figures are found in the original disclosure as discussed in the interview.

### **New Matter Rejection**

The Office Action rejects the addition of Figure 1 and the description thereof in the specification as adding new matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Initially, Applicants note that added Figure 1 in its description in the specification have been modified as discussed during the interview in order to clarify the business (maintenance, installing, and monitoring company) as opening and servicing a telecommunication service.

With regards to the specifics of the new matter rejection, Applicants assert that the original specification discloses the features provided in Figure 1 and its description in the specification.

Applicants submit that embodiments in the present invention concern a company which installs and maintains a device, such as an elevator, and also performs the opening and servicing of the telecommunication service used to monitor the device remotely and also used for emergency calls. In the prior art as discussed at page 3, lines 4–21 of Applicants disclosure, the telecommunication services open by the client creates a hassle for the client to pay the telecommunication bill and also a separate bill for installing, maintaining and monitoring its devices. Further, since the devices are connected to the telecommunication lines for remote monitoring, this creates a problem for example when the installing, monitoring, and maintenance company do not have the SIM cards necessary to put a device into service immediately upon the installation since the SIM cards would be held by the client instead of the installing, monitoring, and maintenance company.

These problem, among others, are addressed by the embodiments of the present invention. As stated at page 4, lines 26–34 of Applicants' disclosure:

“A further advantage achieved by the invention is that it also makes it possible to open several telecommunication connections when the subscriber lines of the same elevator maintenance company are used. Thus, the installer who opens the subscriber connection has a number of SIM cards with him, from which he can open connections and/or telephones while installing the elevator remote monitoring equipment.”

Thus, telecommunication lines are opened by the installer of the remote monitoring equipment such as the elevator maintenance company.

Further, it is stated on page 6, lines 4-6 that:

“The telecommunication line is administered by the company installing the elevator and maintaining that elevator after installation.”

This confirms that the company installing the elevator and maintaining the elevator also opens and services the telecommunication lines.

Moreover, page 6, lines 20-32 states:

“The present invention concerns a method for including the telecommunication connections needed in the use of remote monitoring of elevators and/or escalators and/or automatic doors and/or emergency telephone and the contracts between a company maintaining elevators and/or escalators and/or automatic doors and a client owning elevators and/or escalators and/or automatic doors. According to the most preferred embodiment of the present invention, the aforesaid company takes care of the administration of the telecommunication connections, comprising the acquisition and opening of the aforesaid telecommunication connections as well as invoicing concerning same.”

Thus, the company performing the monitoring, maintenance installing of elevators etc. and the client owning the elevators etc. are in a contract which stipulates the inclusion by the company maintaining the elevators of the telecommunication services needed in the use of remote monitoring. The disclosure states the “aforesaid company” which should be understood as the previously mentioned company in the paragraph, meaning the company maintaining elevators etc. This section of the disclosure also confirms that the maintenance company also administers by acquiring, opening and servicing the telecommunication connections and provides an invoice for such.

Applicants respectfully submit that the same company that performs the monitoring, installation and maintenance of the devices such as an elevator also performs the administration including the acquisition and opening of the telecommunication connections and invoicing for such. The original disclosure as discussed above discloses these features and thus the newly Figure, claims and remarks in the specification are not new matter.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the original disclosure does support the newly added claims, added Figure and it's description in the specification. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

### **PRIOR ART REJECTION**

The Office Action rejects claims 8-17 under 35 U.S.C§ 103(a) unpatentable over Hamada (U.S. Publication 2002/0173970) and Wilson (U.S. Patent 6,578,675). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner states he is under the impression that an intermediate company is disclosed in Applicants' specification which performs the administration between the client and company that would maintain the elevators. As discussed above and in the interview, this is inaccurate and an intermediate company is not taught. The same company which installs, maintains and remote monitors a device, such as an escalator, also opens and services the telecommunication lines.

Applicants maintain that Hamada (U.S. Publication 2002/0173970) and Wilson (U.S. Patent 6,578,675) do not teach the claimed features as recited in claims 8-17. Wilson (U.S. Patent 6,578,675) teaches an elevator in which a business installs a computer, monitor and camera. The elevator is connected to the mainframe network via a telephone line. A service sends out advertising messages to the elevator to be displayed on the monitor. The system performs the installation, maintenance, service and billing of the advertising system. The system, however, does not perform monitoring and servicing of the elevator itself and the telecommunication equipment or providing a single bill of all the above services and monitoring.

Hamada (U.S. Publication 2002/0173970) teaches a system in which a customer can contact a service company via a network and submit a particular service plan for an existing elevator. The service plan may include maintenance, monitoring of the system. The company can connect to the customer via a network (telephone, data line, etc.). The service system of Hamada (U.S. Publication 2002/0173970) does not perform the inclusion telecommunication connections and maintenance in the telecommunication equipment or telecommunication network connections.

The combination of Wilson (U.S. Patent 6,578,675) and Hamada (U.S. Publication 2002/0173970) do not teach or suggest opening telecommunication connections to perform remote monitoring of automated devices remotely and maintaining operations of the one or

more automated devices and telecommunication connections while invoicing the client for the services.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that Hamada (U.S. Publication 2002/0173970) and Wilson (U.S. Patent 6,578,675) fail to teach each feature of independent claims 8 and 15 as well as the features recited in dependent Claims 9-14 and 16-17. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

For reasons above Applicants respectfully submit that claims 8-17 are distinguishable over the cited art. Favorable of consideration of the above respectfully solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings Reg. No. 48,917 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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